CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
JANUARY 21, 2020 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL - MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Michael Moats, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, and Deputy City Clerk Beth Cleary (for roll call only).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There were no requests to speak.

RECESS - CLOSED SESSION
Mayor Patino recessed to a Closed Session at 5:05 p.m. for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION pursuant to Subdivision (d)(1) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code. Ronald Austin v. City of Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County Superior Court - Cook Street Division, Case No. 19CV06743; and CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code. Agro-Jal Farming Enterprises, et al. v. Engel & Gray, et al. Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 18CV01288.

INVOCATION
Pastor Paul Berry of Calvary Chapel gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Moats led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Michael Moats, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Fire Chief Leonard Champion, Chief of Police Phillip Hansen, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, City Librarian Mary Housel, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kevin McCune, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, and Deputy City Clerk Beth Cleary

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: CITY ATTORNEY
City Attorney Watson reported that instructions were provided for Closed Session items.

1 PROCLAMATIONS

A. Councilmember Waterfield presented a Proclamation recognizing the week of January 20 - 26, 2020, as Respect for Life Week in the City of Santa Maria. The Proclamation was accepted by Jon Lindgren.

B. The following Proclamations were presented at 6:30 p.m. when the recipients could be in attendance.

Councilmembers Cordero and Waterfield presented a Proclamation to members of the Santa Maria Elks Lodge in recognition of their efforts over the years providing holiday decorations along City thoroughfares.

Councilmember Moats and Mayor Patino presented the Rotary Clubs of Santa Maria, Rotary Club of Santa Maria Breakfast, Rotary Club of Santa Maria South, and Rotary Club of Nipomo with a Proclamation in recognition of their efforts over the years making the Santa Maria Christmas Parade of Lights an exciting annual community event.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Sara Macdonald introduced herself as the Chair of the Observer Corps of the League of Women Voters.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Waterfield asked to pull Item 3C (reassignment of the real property lease from the Santa Maria Humane Society to the Santa Barbara Humane Society) for comment saying that the item has come before City Council several times as an amendment, and asked if it was necessary to continue doing so.

City Manager Stilwell suggested (and the City Council approved) amending the Resolution so that No. 4 of the Resolution indicated that the City Manager's Office had the authority to sign the agreement, and any future amendments, so long as the lease is outstanding.

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3J were approved, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2020-02 (with the above-mentioned amendment), 2020-03, 2020-04, and 2020-05. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of January 7, 2020.

Action: Minutes approved as submitted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the assignment of a real property lease from the Santa Maria Valley Humane Society to the Santa Barbara Humane Society.

Action: Assignment of real property lease to Santa Barbara Humane Society approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. Adopted, as amended, as Resolution No. 2020-02. 5-0.

D. Accept as complete the installation of required boundary walls associated with the Refugio Townhomes, Tract 5905, subdivision, authorize the release of a Faithful Performance Bond [#PB00067200119] in the amount of $306,446 posted in the form of a surety to guarantee the installation of boundary walls; and order that the Contractor, Labor, and Material Bond in the amount of $153,223 be retained for six months from the date of the release of the Faithful Performance Bond for Boundary Walls.

Action: Installation of boundary walls accepted as complete; bond authorized to be released; and Contractor, Labor, and Material Bond to be retained.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. 5-0.

E. Adopt a Resolution cancelling the regular City Council meeting scheduled on February 4, 2020.

Action: February 4th Council meeting cancelled.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2020-03. 5-0.

F. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. 5-0.

G. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. 5-0.

H. Conduct the second reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 2020-01 repealing former Chapter 9-3, Article 5600, Explosives and Fireworks, and replacing and renumbering it as new Chapter 6-14 of Title 6 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code concerning the consolidation of provisions for fireworks manufacture, possession, storage, and use of Safe and Sane Fireworks.

Action: Second reading was conducted, and the Ordinance was adopted repealing former Chapter 9-3, Article 5600, and creating new Chapter 6-14 replacing and renumbering the new Chapter regarding provisions for safe and sane fireworks.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. Adopted as Ordinance No. 2020-01. 5-0.

After adoption of Ordinance No. 2020-01, staff realized an error in the Chapter numbering and subsequent subsections. The Chapter should have been numbered as 6-14, and not 6-13. With confirmation from City Attorney Watson, the Chief Deputy City Clerk made the clerical correction to the numbering throughout Ordinance No. 2020-01.

I. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for the Fiscal Year 2021 California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant.

Action: Submission of an OTS grant application approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2020-04. 5-0.

J. Adopt a Resolution approving no stopping zones on North Curryer Street.

Action: No stopping zones approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2020-05. 5-0.

4 APPOINTMENTS

A. Board of Appeals - Mayor Patino nominated Mark Green to fill a vacancy on the *Board of Appeals.* The City Council ratified the nomination and Mark Green was appointed to the *Board of Appeals* for an unspecified term.

5 PRESENTATION

A. The City Council received a report about the outcomes of the Community Meetings held in 2019 to address neighborhood issues. City Manager Stilwell gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. There was general consensus of the City Council to continue the meetings in the future.

6 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. **2019 COMMUNITY RISK ASSESSMENT: STANDARDS OF COVER STUDY.** The City Council received the 2019 Community Risk Assessment - Standards of Cover Report (Report). Fire Chief Champion introduced Kurt Latipow with Emergency Services Consulting International who gave the report as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. The Report provides a thorough review and assessment of community risk, emergency response capability, apparatus, and facilities; an analysis of the level of service currently provided to the community; identification of issues impeding performance; and recommendations for service delivery improvement, which will assist the Fire Department in ensuring safe, effective response for fire suppression, emergency medical services, and specialty response situations.

Written correspondence
Written correspondence was received from Santa Barbara Public Health - Emergency Medical Services questioning the data used in the report regarding response times.

Public Comment
Nick Clay, EMS Agency Director, reiterated the Agency's concern about the reported response times.

Action: Receipt of the 2019 Standards of Cover Report confirmed.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2020-06. 5-0.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stilwell reported that the February 4, 2020, City Council meeting would be cancelled due to a lack of agenda items. The next City Council meeting would be February 18, 2020. Items on the agenda would include a retirement resolution for Thomas Crakes; one appointment for a Community Block Grants Advisory Committee member; the Measure A Five-Year Local Programming of Funding for 2020-2025; and the 2nd quarter budget report.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)

Councilmember Waterfield reported she attended the Pastors Network Prayer; a LAFCO Board meeting; the Airport's announcement of new flights; and the groundbreaking ceremony for Honda.

Councilmember Soto reported she attended the Downtown Community Committee meeting; the Airport's announcement of new flights; the recent Economic Forecast put on by UCSB; and the Women's March.

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended the Airport's announcement of new flights; the groundbreaking ceremony for Honda; and the recent Economic Forecast put on by UCSB.

Councilmember Moats reported he attended the Airport's announcement of new flights and the recent Economic Forecast put on by UCSB.

Mayor Patino reported she attended the Monterey Bay Community Power meeting of the Policy Board of Directors; the Airport's announcement of new flights; the groundbreaking ceremony for Honda; the SBCAG and APCD Board meetings; and the Walk for Life.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned in memory of Fred Sanders and Jerry Stinn at 7:25 p.m.

Approved at a regular meeting on February 18, 2020.

M. Beth Cleary

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Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

M. Beth Cleary

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Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino

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Mayor of the City of Santa Maria